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SUBJ: COMMUNIQUE FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF  
COMITE OF 24 TO CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMITE, TRANSMITTING  
TEXT OF OCTOBER 3 COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JOINTLY BY  
REIREPRESENTATIVES OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE LIBERATION  
MOVEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL: (BOTH HAVE BEEN  
CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENTS)

QTE DOC A/C.4/778, DATED OCTOBER 21, 1974.

IN CONNEXION WITH THE FOURTH COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF  
AGENDA ITEM 66, I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE ATTACHED  
TEXT OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON 3 OCTOBER 1974 BY  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVIMENTO DE LIBERTACAO DE SAO TOME E  
PRINCIPE (MLSTP) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL BE CIRCULATED  
AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

(SIGNED) SALIM AHMED SALIM

CHAIRMAN

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION

WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF  
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES  
AND PEOPLES.

ANNEX

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FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 3 OCTOBER 1974, A PORTUGUESE  
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY MR. VICTOR MANUEL PEREIRA DE  
CASTRO WAS IN LIBREVILLE, CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON,  
WHERE IT HAD TALKS WITH A DELEGATION OF THE MOVIMENTO DE  
LIBERTACAO DE SAO TOME E PRINCIPE (MLSTP), LED BY ITS GENERAL  
SECRETARY, MR. MANUEL DA COSTA.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS LOOKED INTO THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE  
ACTUAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND  
THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF THOSE ISLANDS.

BOTH DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF PROMOTING THE  
IMMEDIATE DECOLONIZATION OF THAT TERRITORY AS THE ONLY WAY  
OF SOLVING THE COLONIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF SAO  
TOME AND PRINCIPE AND THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

MLSTP IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACCELERATION OF THE  
PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IMPLIES THE PRIOR FULFILMENT OF  
THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

1. THE OFFICIAL AND IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MLSTP  
AS THE SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF  
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE SOLE AND VALID  
INTERLOCUTOR TO DISCUSS THE CALENDAR OF DECOLONIZATION.
2. A DECLARATION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING  
ITS DECISION TO OPEN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MLSTP.  
THE CHOOSING OF THE DATE AND LOCALE FOR THE BEGINNING OF  
CONVERSATIONS WILL BE MADE BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS.

BOTH PARTS AGREED THAT THE ACTUAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN  
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE IS CLEAR AND, THEREFORE, A REFERENDUM  
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WILL BE UNNECESSARY AND COULD ONLY JEOPARDIZE THE FUTURE  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF  
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

BOTH PARTS ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE  
IMMEDIATE  
DECOLONIZATION OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AS THE ONLY MEANS  
OF SAFEGUARDING THE GUARANTEEING THE FUTURE RELATIONS WHICH

THE TWO PEOPLES ARE INTERESTED IN  
DEVELOPING.

LIBREVILLE, ON 3 OCTOBER 1974

ON BEHALF OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION

(SIGNED) VICTOR MANUEL PEREIRA DE CASTRO

ON BEHALF OF THE MLSTP DELEGATION

(SIGNED) MANUEL COSTA. UNQTE

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